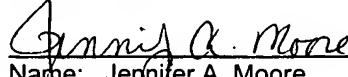


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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(DO/EO/US)**

In re national phase of:

Applicant(s): James Michael Mattern
International Application No.: PCT/EP2003/010731
International Filing Date: September 26, 2003
Priority Date Claimed: September 26, 2002
Title of Invention: ITEM HANDLING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED
OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL
PHASE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information under 35 U.S.C. 371:

1. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
2. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 CFR 1.492) as indicated below.

3. A copy of the International application (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (International Publication No. _____).
 - b. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
 - c. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. A copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed (along with a copy of the cover page of International Publication No. 2004/029882).
4. ☐ An accurate translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith.
5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
6. ☐ An accurate translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) is transmitted herewith.
7. A copy of the international preliminary examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☐ is not required as the United States Patent and Trademark Office was the IPEA.
8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report
 - a. ☒ is/are transmitted herewith and entry thereof is requested.
 - b. ☐ is not required as the United States Patent and Trademark Office was the IPEA.
9. ☐ An accurate translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is transmitted herewith.
10. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. 115 is submitted herewith.

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11. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.
12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith, along with Form PTO-1449 and copies of citations listed.
13. ☐ An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording, along with a separate cover sheet.
14. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
15. Small entity status
 - a. ☐ is claimed.
 - b. ☒ is not claimed.
16. ☐ Other:

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Basic National Fees					Fee
Basic National Stage Fee					\$300.00
National Stage Search Fee					\$500.00
National Stage Examination Fee					\$200.00
Basic fee →					\$1,000.00
Claims*	Number filed		Number extra	Rate	
Total claims	64	-20	44	\$50.00	\$2,200.00
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Sets of 50 over 100 sheets		x		\$250.00	\$0.00
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Non-English language specification				\$130.00	
Total fees enclosed					\$3,200.00

*After any attached preliminary amendment reducing the number of claims and/or deleting multiple dependencies.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- ☒ Credit card payment form is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

WARNING: TO AVOID ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION THE BASIC NATIONAL FEE MUST BE PAID WITHIN THE 20/30 MONTH TIME LIMIT.

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16. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988:

a. ☒ 37 CFR 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) (basic national fee)

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b. ☐ 37 CFR 1.492(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 CFR 1.492(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

Respectfully submitted,



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